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To: Subst. House Bill No. 7198

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"AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL WORKERS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 20-195q of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

5 (a) No person shall (1) use the title "licensed master social worker"
6 or any initials associated with such title, or (2) advertise services under
7 the description of a licensed master social worker, as defined in section

8 20-195m, unless such person is licensed as a master social worker
9 pursuant to this chapter.

10 (b) No person shall (1) use the title "licensed clinical social worker"
11 or any initials associated with such title, or (2) advertise services under
12 the description of a licensed clinical social worker, as defined in section
13 20-195m, unless such person is licensed as a clinical social worker
14 pursuant to this chapter.

15 (c) No person shall (1) use the title "social worker" or any initials
16 associated with such title, or (2) advertise services under the
17 description of "social worker", unless such person has earned a
18 baccalaureate or master's degree in social work from a social work
19 program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, a
20 doctoral degree in social work or, if educated outside of the United
21 States or its territories, has completed an educational program deemed
22 equivalent by said council.

23 [(c)] (d) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit: (1) A student enrolled
24 in a doctoral or master's degree program accredited by the Council on
25 Social Work Education from performing such work as is incidental to
26 his course of study, provided such person is designated by a title
27 which clearly indicates his status as a student; (2) a person licensed or
28 certified in this state in a field other than clinical social work from
29 practicing within the scope of such license or certification; (3) a person
30 enrolled in an educational program or fulfilling other state
31 requirements leading to licensure or certification in a field other than
32 social work from engaging in work in such other field; (4) a person
33 who is employed or retained as a social work designee, social worker,
34 or social work consultant by a nursing home or rest home licensed
35 under section 19a-490 and who meets the qualifications prescribed by
36 the department in its regulations from performing the duties required
37 of them in accordance with state and federal laws governing those
38 duties; [(5) for the period from October 1, 2010, to October 1, 2013,
39 inclusive, a master social worker from engaging in independent
40 practice; (6)] (5) a social worker from practicing community

41 organization, policy and planning, research or administration that
42 does not include engaging in clinical social work or supervising a
43 social worker engaged in clinical treatment with clients; [(7)] (6)
44 individuals with a baccalaureate degree in social work from a Council
45 on Social Work Education accredited program from performing
46 nonclinical social work functions; [and (8)] (7) a person who holds a
47 professional educator certificate issued by the State Board of Education
48 pursuant to section 10-145b, with a school social worker endorsement,
49 from using the title of school social worker to describe such person's
50 activities while working in a public or nonpublic school in the state; (8)
51 any person employed by a municipality prior to July 1, 2019, under the
52 title social worker from using such title to describe or perform duties
53 in the course of such employment with the municipality; and (9) a state
54 employee with the title social worker from using such title to describe
55 or perform duties in the course of such employment with the state. On
56 and after October 1, 2019, the state shall specify on any job posting for
57 a title in the social work series of classified service, in which a license
58 pursuant to this chapter is not required, that a preferred qualification
59 for employment in such title is completion of a baccalaureate or
60 master's degree in social work from a social work program accredited
61 by the Council on Social Work Education or a doctoral degree in social
62 work.

63 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 20-195s of the general statutes is
64 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
65 *October 1, 2019*):

66 (a) An individual licensed as a master social worker pursuant to
67 section 20-195n may: (1) Practice clinical social work under
68 professional supervision; and (2) offer a mental health diagnosis
69 provided such diagnosis is offered in consultation with a physician
70 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, an advanced practice registered
71 nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378, a psychologist licensed
72 pursuant to chapter 383, a marital and family therapist licensed
73 pursuant to chapter 383a, a professional counselor licensed pursuant to
74 chapter 383c or a clinical social worker licensed pursuant to this

75 chapter. [Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 20-195q, a] A
76 licensed master social worker may not engage in independent
77 practice."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	20-195q
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	20-195s(a)